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Teaching of Military Engineering at the Infantry Institute in Lipnik nad Becvou

- 5. For military engineering, 30 hours of training per school year were scheduled in the curriculum of the Infantry Institute. The majority of this time was devoted to practical training. The following facilities were available for training purposes: pieces of lumber, planks and boards, axes, picks, shovels, hand saws, cord cables, steel cables, meshed wire, nails, cramps, dummy mines, rubber boats, etc., one engineering hall with benches for modelling engineering works, samples of various kinds of mines, fuses, mine detectors, and schematic examples of engineering problems, etc.
- 6. The training of the students consisted mainly of field engineering work which does not require specialized equipment and which infantry men have to perform without the help of engineers, such as digging trenches, emplacements, light shelters, construction of wire entanglements, field camouflage, etc. Engineering work which required expert knowledge and special equipment, such as the laying of mine fields, work with various explosives, or building of concrete shelters, was presented to the students in lectures for information only. The instructors and staff officers at the Institute had to solve engineering problems within tactical problems which they encountered in the course of their refresher schooling.

Lecturer on Chemical Warfare

	7.	Lt. Col. NOVOTNY (fnu), lecturer on chemical warfare at the Infantry Institute,
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		working at the Military College in Prague, where he
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25X1		a candidate of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, but retained his anti-Communist
		convictions.
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	Cad	re Sections
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25X1	8.	the cadre section at the Infantry Institute
		had a field grade officer as chief, three junior officers,
25X1		and one career noncommissioned officer. It can be presumed that cadre sections
		of normal units would have less personnel because they would not have many
1		problems to deal with. The cadre section at the Institute was responsible for

9. Cadre section personnel was chosen and appointed by the Head Cadre Department at the Ministry of National Defense. The authority of the cadre section did not exceed the authority of the commanding officer. The recommendations and decisions of the cadre section had to be approved by the commanding officer.

the political evaluation of the many hundred students who attended the school.

Soviet Military Advisers

- 10. Soviet military advisers reported to the Soviet military mission in Prague. The Soviet adviser to the Infantry Institute very often left for consultations, which usually lasted for two or three days.
- 11. The Soviet military advisers had no direct authority over the commanders of units to which they were attached, but in practice commanding officers were more than eager to carry out the advisers suggestions so as not to create the impression of an anti-Soviet attitude.

Release of Imprisoned Army Officers

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